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BUREAU OF GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITY
PUBLISHES 2 MONOGRAPHS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

MISSOULA--

The Bureau of Government Research (BGR) at the University of Montana in Missoula recently published two monographs related to Montana's local government review process.

The first study, entitled "The 1974 Election of Montana Local Government Study Commissioners," is 103 pages in length. Dr. Peter Koehn, UM assistant professor of political science, is author of the work, which analyzes voter participation and competition among nominated and write-in candidates for positions on 182 study commissions. The tables published in this study offer the only available compilation of voting data for this election.

"Profile of Montana Local Government Study Commissioners" is the title of the second monograph published by BGR. The 67-page work is coauthored by Koehn and Dr. James J. Lopach, also UM assistant professor of political science.

The "Profile," which is based on questionnaires returned by 505 Montana study commissioners (80 percent of the total), contains an extensive analysis of the key background characteristics and attitudes possessed by people elected and appointed to conduct review of county and municipal governments in Montana.

Research for both studies was funded in part by a UM Special Projects Program grant and publication was made possible by a grant from Community Service Programs, Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Both studies contribute basic data that will be of value to citizens and public officials interested in assessing Montana's unique experiment with voter review of local government. A limited number of copies may be obtained by contacting the BGR at the University in Missoula.